



Holy Trinity News

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Welcome St Martin's

This month we formally welcome St Martin's Tighnabruaich under the jurisdiction of Holy Trinity. We hope to see some of the St Martin's congregation at our Annual Congregational Meeting in due course.

During the Vacancy we have been so fortunate in having the services of so many of our priest friends. A big thank you to them on behalf of us all!

It will soon be time to say farewell to Bishop Martin and Elspeth as they leave the Diocese for Exeter. We are so pleased he will be with us one more time to say goodbye. Meanwhile he was talked into writing our Pastoral Letter this month (see page 2)

We all like having the church clean on a Sunday, sharing coffee after the service, being welcomed at the door. Dinkie has left a list at the back of the church. Please add your name if you can help. Two people working together makes the task seem much more fun!

Obituary

We are sorry to record the death of Don Morley on Monday 20th July. Don was a well known and well loved member of the congregation and will be sadly missed. We hope to have more on Don's life in the next Newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stella, Kit and the family at this time.

Flower Festival



An invitation has been received to the Annual Flower Festival at the High Kirk **from 6th to 8th August**. On Sunday 9th August there will be a Songs of Praise and we are all invited to join the singing and the tea and coffee afterwards.

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What's Ahead

This month we are pleased to welcome back the Reverend Ruth LaMonte from USA who is on holiday in Dunoon and will celebrate the Eucharist for us on Sunday 9th August.

The Reverend Peter Rice will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist on the 16th August.

The Reverend Hugh Lee will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist on the 30th August.

Dates for the Diary

We look forward to welcoming the Reverend Paul Fletcher who will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday 13th September.

On Sunday 20th September Bishop Martin will be with us at Holy Trinity to celebrate the Eucharist on his last Sunday in the Diocese. We plan to have lunch with Bishop Martin and Elspeth before he goes to Rothesay to celebrate at St. Paul's.

Bishop's Letter



Dear Friends,

In 1978, I was instituted as the Rector of Holy Trinity, Dunoon. Elspeth and I brought our children, Ben and Madeleine, to circumstances that were somewhat contrasting to All Saints', Margaret Street, in the middle of London's West End. In 1981, we left Dunoon, to go to Exeter Cathedral. On September 20th, we shall be coming to Holy Trinity, Dunoon and to St Paul's Rothesay, which will be our last Sunday in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles. On 29th September, we shall be leaving Oban for Exeter once again! Holy Trinity has played a significant role in our lives. Thank you.

In 2004, when I was ordained Bishop of the Diocese, I had made assumptions about the Diocese on the basis of my experience of it 23 years ago. This was not wise. Scotland's culture has changed, its political life is much more pronounced in its effort to find and express a 'Scottish' identity. The established Church of Scotland has no longer the place in general society that it once had. [Neither has the Church of England]. The Roman Catholic Church is now much more self-confident, particularly with regard to its media profile. When I was Rector of Holy Trinity, there was a large contingent of American Naval personnel living in the town related to the Atlantic fleet of Submarines that were serviced in Holy Loch. The congregation of Holy Trinity was expanded, not surprisingly, by American Episcopalian presence and contribution. There was a retired priest in Rothesay, who became my confessor and spiritual director, but that was the only contact I had with the Island of Bute. In all my time as the Rector, I only visited Tighnabruaich once and Colintrave rarely. Since then, your life as a charge has changed hugely. One of the important outcomes of that change has been the development of Lay Ministry in the exercise of pastoral, liturgical and educational gifts.

The development of Lay Ministry has been for some time a major issue in the whole of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Before becoming your Bishop, I had not really taken that into account. Frankly, the papers I received in advance of the Episcopal Election

did not give significant indication of this transformation. The number of stipendiary priests, already small in this Diocese, had shrunk by half since I left the Diocese, largely to do with viability of charges and the steep rise in pension contribution for stipendiary clergy. However, throughout the Province of the Scottish Episcopal Church, there was decreased sense of confidence in what priesthood is and what it means. So, not being experienced in the developments of Lay Education and Training in the Scottish Episcopal Church, I soon realised that the Bishop of this Diocese needs to be well-versed in education and training of lay people, which I was and am not. However, in Holy Trinity Dunoon and other charges in the Diocese, there is considerable experience among lay people themselves in education and training. This is exciting. However, your next Bishop's task will be to give considerable thought, energy and planning to the use of Lay People and the ensuring of high standards of training. Please remember that individual members of the Scottish Episcopal Church are invited to think about nominees to be offered to the Preparatory Committee of the Diocese who will be preparing for the election of a new Bishop.

There are four fundamental exercises that I would ask you to consider. These are important in order that the Mission and Vision of the Diocese is realised in your charges. Let me remind you of the Vision which the Synod of the Diocese has agreed to and to which it is committed: **'Christ calls us to live like him in Prayer, Word, Sacrament and Service amongst others'**. So establish a daily discipline of prayer. If you do not know how to, then seek some help. The best place to start is pray for your neighbours, your friends, those in need and the world's pain. Then reflect on the past 24 hours and be particular about giving thanks for the experience of your life, no matter how difficult it may be. Take the Gospel for the Sunday following, read it, ponder it, feel it and then reflect. Make sure that you attend the Eucharist and receive communion as often as you can - the food of God for the people of God. With these three disciplines, act out in the simplest and smallest way, being the presence of Christ for others. Do those and who knows what God will do with you and your charges!

Thank you for your friendship and your encouragement.

In the Love of God,

+Martin

Flu Pandemic

The following letter was received from Bishop Martin with regard to the swine flu pandemic.

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Further to my recent email, I have received further guidance and information from the Church of England and their Archbishops concerning the administration of communion in the context of the present status of 'swine flu', regarded as a pandemic.

Although most of our congregations are small, nevertheless, there are frequently visitors who come to share with us in the Eucharist or Communion administered by a Lay Person from the Blessed Sacrament. In order, to protect both visitors and regular members of the congregation, for the time being I am asking you to follow what I hope is a clear practice until further notice. It seems to me wise to have a common practice across the Diocese, given that a number of charges do rely on the services of Lay Readers, Leaders or Chaplains.

1. The use of metal chalices does not prevent the spread of the current 'flu virus. Although intinction has recently been advised as a preferred method of administering the consecrated wine, further information suggests that, given the difficulties that remain with that method, I ask you to administer communion in one kind only - namely the consecrated bread - until further notice.

2. At the Eucharist, of course, priests only will consume all of the consecrated wine, only a little of which needs to be prepared for consecration,

3. At Administration of Communion from the Blessed Sacrament by a Lay Person, only the consecrated bread is to be administered. May I recommend that Lay Leaders, Readers and Chaplains, however, lay the reserved consecrated wine on the altar, to be returned at

the end of the service to the Tabernacle or Aumbry? [The consumption of the reserved consecrated wine should only be done by an 'agreed' person in each charge, where there is no priest.]

4. With regard to the exchange of the Peace, the Government recommendation to Faith Communities is that shaking of hands should be avoided during the period of the pandemic. There are other ways of communicating the Peace, which I will leave to your creativity and imagination!

5. At the risk of repetition, would clergy and lay people involved in administration of communion, be particularly careful about the washing of hands, the cleanliness of altar linen and all the associated vessels - regularly and frequently? Whether a celebrant at the Eucharist or a Lay Person administering, please use hand gel before the service and following.

6. Obviously, the implication of this is that when you take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are sick or are housebound, only the consecrated bread should be administered.

By way of a 'footnote', a little comment on 'Receiving in One Kind'. To do so, does not 'invalidate' the 'completeness' of the sacrament. By way of metaphor, when you receive a birthday card, coming with that card is a sign of something greater, which is the respect, friendship and love in which you are held by the person sending the card. In terms of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, the issue is much deeper. It is called the doctrine of Concomitance:

'In the Eucharist the Body and Blood of Christ are present in each of the consecrated species. It implies that the fullness of communion is to be had in either element alone...' [The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church]

Thank you,

In the Love of God,

+Martin

Meet Neil McKellar



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

I was born in Dunoon and baptised in Holy Trinity in 1924. My brother John was also baptised there the following year. However, after my Father died in 1926, it was too far for my Mother to take two small boys up the hill and I went to the High Kirk (my Father's church) Sunday School.

I came back to Dunoon with Maureen to the Dunoon Grammar School 350th reunion. We worshipped at Holy Trinity that weekend and found the baptisms in the records. We also worshipped at the High Kirk for the School Service and there on the war memorial saw the inscription N.W.McK.Redman. A church member put us in touch with Neil Redman's daughter, Margaret Smith, and it transpired that Neil White McKellar Redman was my full cousin. So by coming back to Dunoon I met up with some family I did not know about and some friends I had lost touch with. This led us to buying a holiday cottage here in 2004.

Tell us a little about where you were before and what brought you to Dunoon

My brother and I moved from Dunoon to Glasgow in 1941 on the death of my Mother. I worked in an Accountancy firm and then began lecturing at Glasgow University on Photography.

Maureen came as one of my students and we married 20 years ago. At that time Maureen

worked in Stirling and so we lived in Bridge of Allan. We moved to Lenzie in 1991 to enable me to more easily lecture in Ayr and Kilmarnock as well as Glasgow. When Maureen joined Wood Group (an oil services company) in 2001, we moved to Aberdeen. We moved to Dunoon permanently in 2006.

Apart from Church, how do you both spend your time? What are you passionate about?

Family is very important to me and I see my brother John and his wife Carrol, and my nephew Campbell and niece Kirsteen as much as I can. Maureen would tell you I am passionate about ships, particularly Clyde steamers. I remember them from my youth, with their bright colours which were then painted a gloomy grey during the war. I am also passionate about photography and, in particular the interaction of other arts on photography. So I am interested in all the arts, painting, sculpture, cinema, music, etc.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

The people are warm and friendly and I have enjoyed getting to know everyone. The first person I met when I came to Holy Trinity in 1992 was Maurice Smith's wife, Emily who had played with me when we were both small children. The church building is just as I remember it from when I was very young. It is in a beautiful setting and I remember climbing up to the Bishop's seat as a boy.

What do you do (or have you done) around Holy Trinity? What do you enjoy about it?

I have always admired the work done in congregations, particularly by women. I enjoy Sunday services and some of the social activities we have. I leave the work side to Maureen and get involved in supporting her with jobs such as proof-reading the Newsletter.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

I love 'Will Your Anchor Hold' as this reminds me of my days in the Boys Brigade. I also like the new hymn, both words and music, 'In the Bulb there is a Flower'. It speaks of my faith.

Growing Together



COMING

To be crucified
again? To be made friends
with for his jeans and beard?
Gods are not put to death

any more. Their lot now
is with the ignored.
I think he still comes
stealthily as of old,

invisible as a mutation,
an echo of what the light
said, when nobody
attended; an impression

of eyes, quicker than
to be caught looking, but taken
on trust like flowers in the
dark country towards which we go.

R.S. Thomas

This poem looks at what we might think of when we consider The Second Coming of Christ. The poet wonders if we would once more take drastic action to silence anyone who claimed this for himself, or if we would align ourselves with him because he seemed in some way new and – for want of a better word – trendy. But he rejects both of these ideas.

This month's challenge is to look at what Thomas concludes.

1. Where does he think Christ fits into our society now?
2. How does he see Christ coming to us?
3. A literary question: in which line does Thomas convey the 'otherness' of religious experience?
4. Consider the last two and a half lines. Think about how you personally regard the experience of Christ, and how you might put it into words for others to understand. Try writing your own description of such an experience.

Christine McIntosh

Vacancy News

This month the Diocesan Representatives met some of us in Dunoon to discuss the repairs necessary to the Rectory. It was agreed that these should be talked through with St. Paul's Rothery and, as soon as the funding issues were resolved, we would proceed to advertise for a priest.

Fabric

Our fabric problems have resulted from years of under-investment in both Church and Rectory. The Vestry have commissioned an Architect, Rebecca Cadie of ARP Lorimer & Associates, a specialist in ecclesiastical properties to work with us to develop a plan to repair and develop the Church building. As part of that plan, we will be seeking grant aid but we will also need to raise as much as we can ourselves. Rebecca Cadie sees no reason why the Church can, not only be repaired, but a loop system, toilet and kitchen area added.

Before the project can get underway, we must repair the loose cross and the missing slates surrounding it, as it is dangerous as it stands. To that end a sample of mortar has been sent for analysis, so that the correct mortar can be mixed for all the church repairs. Thereafter Northern Steeplejacks have been commissioned to carry out the repairs. Two surveys have been done on the rot in the tower and sacristy. At the present time it is wet rot, so work is in hand to try to seek money to stop the water ingress, remove some of the plaster and eradicate the rot.

As far as the Rectory is concerned, we have received estimates for the urgent work on the roof and the windows, and the other work recommended by the Architect's quinquennial report. We have also had a survey report on the drains. We are trying to seek funds to do all the very urgent work before a new rector is appointed.

The Treasurer maintains the fabric fund. If you can spare any money or have ideas for raising any please speak to any member of the Vestry.

Maureen McKellar

Vestry Report

The Vestry did not meet in July.

The next meeting is Tuesday 11th August. If any member of the congregation has any subjects he/she wishes raised, please speak to one of the Vestry members.

Evening Prayer

There is a service every Thursday evening at 5.15pm. This is usually Evening Prayer, where we sit in the choir stalls and are finished by 5.45pm. If a visiting priest happens to be around on a Thursday, there is a celebration of the Eucharist.

Rectory

The Rectory is fully furnished now and the Vestry wish to thank everyone for the items donated and lent. Events can be held in the Rectory (subject to agreement of the Vestry) with a donation to the roof fund. The Vestry Secretary maintains a diary to avoid a clash of dates, so please contact her if you wish to use the Rectory (contact details on back page).

From the Counting House

Tighnabruaich has officially become a dependent congregation of Holy Trinity and we are now responsible for them within our accounts. This month also saw the opening of the new Joint Bank Account with St. Paul's for the expenses of the new Linked Charges.

Pastoral Care

Dinkie McEwen is the contact for all pastoral care situations. (telephone 01369 705257) This may be someone who needs Holy Communion brought to him/her or someone who is ill and/or housebound and needs a visit.



The £50 Pledge Challenge

Psalms and Psausages

Psalms and Sausages was a very successful evening and raised £60 for the Fund.

Flea Market

Alan is taking another stall at Kilmun Flea Market. Check with him for the date.

Trinidad Talk

Mac has postponed his Trinidad talk to the Autumn. Watch the pew sheet for the date.

Holy Trinity Recipe Book

Sharron has begun work on the Holy Trinity Recipe Book. She is very keen to receive a recipe from everyone. Look out your favourite one.

Original Pictures

Dennis has left some small original pictures at the back of the church. Donations to the roof fund.

Poetry Books

Limited edition poetry books by Christine McIntosh are now at the back of the church at £5 each.

So far we have raised around £1700 towards the work on the roof. In order to do some of the other work planned, we need to raise more. Please help with a challenge if you can.

The Organist Writes

As we went to press, the Organist was busy pointing psalms for the singing workshop. By all accounts it was most enjoyable and several people have asked for a repeat. Thanks John!

The Wider Church



Started in 1876 in a Christian response to the needs of local families, the Mothers' Union has over 3.6 million members in 78 nations worldwide.

Most members are baptised Christians¹, but membership is open to all who support the MU Purpose, Aim and Objects, regardless of sex, marital status or whether you're a 'mum' or not.

The MU has five Objects which govern the charity's activities:

Uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.

To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service

Promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life & the protection of children.

To help those whose family has met with adversity.

What does the MU do?

Empowers members to respond to families locally, such as:

- Hospital visiting; Running a prison crèche; Knitting premature baby clothes;
- Items to Refuges; Staffing Contact Centres; holidays for those under stress
- Organising Quiet Days, Retreats and "Pram" services..... among many other things.

Has a representation on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

MU Workers in the third world run Family Life Programmes which help communities to work together to improve family & local community life, eg: diet; relationships; nutrition; hygiene; and even soil improvement.

MU Literacy and Development courses

overseas teach numeracy, reading and writing & health awareness (to read the instructions on medicine or fertilizer bags; ensure they get the right change from market produce and set up small businesses.)

Training of Parenting Course Facilitators.

The MU Faith and Policy Unit is involved in government consultations on family matters, lobbies for support of the Millennium Development Goals and publishes prayer diaries, Lent/Advent courses, & resources for churches, groups and individuals.

'Families First' is the MU quarterly magazine with upbeat and helpful articles relevant to today's families.

Membership

Members by praying for each other across the globe gain awareness of one another. Unlike many charities, members' subscriptions cover all administration costs, while donations and all funds raised are spent to support the work through the Overseas Fund, the Relief Fund and the UK and Ireland Development Fund.

Further details and information can be found at the back of the church and at www.themothersunion.org and www.muscotland.org.uk

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen. (personal prayer of Mary Sumner, founder of the MU)

"While the Church is still thinking about it, the Mothers' Union has usually already done it" – a quote from a male member!

Fiona Rice

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¹ in the name of the Holy Trinity

Notable dates – August

Sun 2	Trinity 8 Morning Prayer
Thurs 6	Evening Prayer 5.15 Feast of Transfiguration
Sun 19	Trinity 9 – Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Ruth LaMonte
Thurs 13	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 16	Trinity 10 - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 20	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 23	Trinity 11 Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 27	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sunday 30	Trinity 12 – Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Hugh Lee

August Readings

Trinity 8	2 Samuel 11, 26-12, 13a Ephesians 4, 1-16 John 6, 24-35
Trinity 9	2 Samuel 18, 5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4, 25-5, 2 John 6, 35, 41-51
St Mary	Isaiah 7, 10-15 or Rev 11, 19-12, 6, 10 Galatians 4, 4-7 Luke 1, 46-55 or Luke 2, 1-7
St Bartholomew	Deuteronomy 18, 15-18 or Isaiah 43, 8-13 1 Corinthians 4, 9-15 Luke 22, 24-30
Trinity 12	Song of Solomon 2, 8-13 James 1, 17-27 Mark 7, 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Church Contact Points

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